

**MINUTES**  
**Sunshine Meeting**  
**January 6, 2020**  
**5:30 PM**  
**Government Center - Mayor's Conference Room 202**  
**6601 Main Street**  
**Miami Lakes, Florida 33014**

**1. Call to Order:**

Meeting began at 5:40 p.m.

The following councilmembers were present: Luis Collazo, Josh Dieguez, Marilyn Ruano, and Mayor Manny Cid. Town Manager Edward Pidermann, and Deputy Town Clerk Ashley Shepple were present. The Special Needs Advisory Liaison, Yessenia Leyva, along with other residents were present.

**2. Items Discussed:**

**A. Special Needs Center**

Mayor Cid called the meeting order. He stated that he called the Sunshine Meeting to discuss the possibility in the future having a Special Needs Center in Town. He also discussed along with the Town Manager, Councilmember Collazo, Councilmember Ruano, and Councilmember Dieguez the possibility of when the Senior Center opens to use one of the other Town community centers for special needs programming.

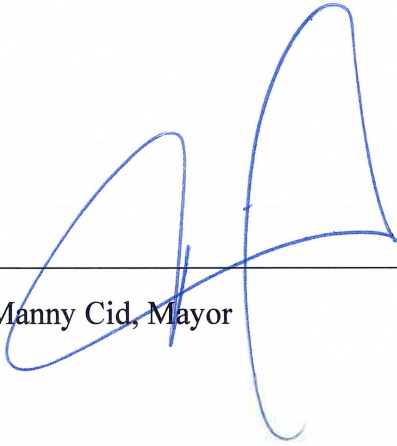
Some residents who have children with special needs voiced their concerns of making sure programming is offered to a wide range of people with disabilities. Councilman Collazo assured the FIU Metropolitan Center, who the Town hired to conduct a Town-wide needs assessment, would find out what most of the Miami Lakes Special Needs population needs.

Glenn Pierce, on the board of South Florida Autism Charter School, was presented. He explained what their school and facilities due for the Autism community. He offered to setup a tour of the facilities for Town staff, councilmembers, and Special Needs Advisory Board members.

**Adjournment:**

This meeting was adjourned at 7:30 p.m.

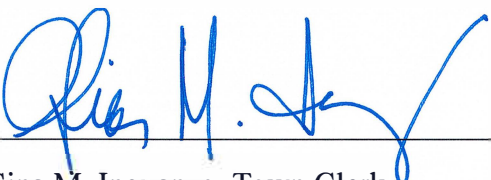
Approved this 21<sup>st</sup> day of January 2020.



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Manny Cid, Mayor

Attest:



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Gina M. Inguanzo, Town Clerk